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Docket No. 135273
PATENT

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Applicant: Erik N. Steen

Serial No.: 10/719,773

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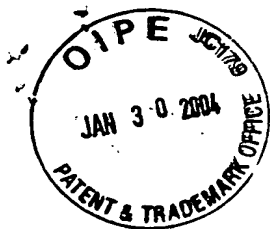
Art Unit:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant hereby requests entry of the following Amendment prior to examination of
the above-referenced application.



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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1. We enclose the following documents:

- Preliminary Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs, in duplicate)
- Preliminary Amendment (3 pgs)
- Return postcard

STATUS

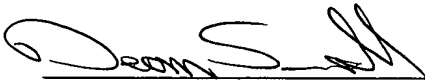
2. Applicant

_____ claims small entity status.
☒ is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to the MAIL STOP Non Fee Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Express Mail No. EL 977933480 US.

Date: January 30, 2004



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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
_____ third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
_____ fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
—	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) X No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$
 Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$.
 A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- X If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. Other:



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